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SUBJECT: LATVIA: ACCEPTS IRANIAN DESIGNATIONS AND  
IDENTIFIER REQUEST; REJECTS IRANIAN EMBASSY OVERTURE

REF: A. A) STATE 85197  
[1](#)B. B) STATE 89511  
[1](#)C. C) STATE 73219

Classified By: Ambassador Catherine Todd Bailey, for Reasons  
1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Acting Pol-Econ Chief delivered reftel demarches to  
Reinis Kalnins, MFA Senior Desk Officer for the Middle East  
and Africa Division, on June 28. Kalnins stated that the MFA  
would review the reftel A additions to the list of designated  
Iranian entities and individuals subject to E.O. 13382.  
Regarding the request for identifier and background  
information in reftel B, he said that the MFA was grateful  
for the information provided in the non-paper and that the  
GOL would certainly share any information they may obtain  
regarding Iranian individuals and entities. Kalnins was also  
provided reftel C information regarding the USG's UNSCR 1747  
60-day Report, and he noted that Latvia had completed its  
60-day report earlier in June.

[1](#)2. (C) Kalnins said that he was not aware of any Iranian  
attempts to utilize the Latvian financial system or business  
community for its nuclear or weapons programs. He added that  
while the GOL does not maintain contact with the Government  
of Iran, the Latvian embassy in Sweden had recently been  
approached by the Iranian embassy there with an offer to  
initiate economic contacts. Kalnins said that the Latvian  
government rejected the approach.  
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